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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

PLAGUE.

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, June 3, 1909.]

Italy.—May 18. Quarantine declared against arrivals from the port of Azov, on the Black Sea.

May 24. Singapore declared cholera infected.

ALGERIA.

Deratization at Algiers and other localities—Rat fleas.

The following is taken from the *Bulletin Bimensuelle*, Algiers, May 15:

Algiers.—May 1–15: Rodents taken by the maritime sanitary service, 826; examined by the laboratory of health, 46; result, negative. Classification of rats: *Mus norvegicus*, 691; *Mus rattus*, 129; *Mus alexandrinus*, 4; *Mus musculus*, 72.

RAT FLEAS. *Ctenopsylla musculi* on *Mus norvegicus*, 21.

Bona.—Month of April: Rodents taken, 401; examined, 171.

Bougie.—Month of March: Rodents taken, 29; examined, 17; result, negative. The rodents taken were from the wharves.

Dellys.—Month of April: Rodents taken: 51 in the city; 54 on the wharves. Total 105.

Oran.—Month of April: Rodents taken, 906; examined, 258; result, negative.

Philippeville.—Month of April: Rodents taken, 53; examined, 26; result, negative.

AUSTRALIA.

Examination of rodents for plague infection in Queensland.

The following is taken from the bulletin received from the department of public health of Queensland:

Brisbane.—Week ended May 8: Number of rodents destroyed, 517; examined, 413; found infected, 0.

Date of last plague-infected rat, September 15.

BARBADOS.

Reports from Bridgetown—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of yellow fever in island—Fumigation in infected districts—Quarantine against Trinidad on account of plague.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, June 5 and 12:

Week ended June 5. Bills of health issued to 8 vessels, of which 3 were fumigated—116 passengers and 298 members of crews.

Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers, good.

No new yellow fever cases or deaths were reported during the week.

The sanitary condition of the port remains good. Sanitary regulations are rigidly enforced. The government has been officially notified since May 29, of the existence of a case of plague in Trinidad. The usual quarantine will be enforced in consequence.

Week ended June 12. Bills of health issued to 7 vessels, of which 2 were fumigated—74 passengers and 332 members of crews.

Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers, good.

Three new cases of yellow fever were reported during the week, all negroes. These cases all occurred in St. Joseph's parish, about 15 miles north of Bridgetown, where most of the fever cases have occurred during this season. The central board of health has decided to send inspectors at once to the infected district and begin a more thorough system of fumigation of houses and cleaning up of premises to rid the district of infection. The health of this port is good.

CHINA.

Report from Amoy—Cholera.

The following information is received from the consular office, through the Department of State, June 19:

Cholera, Amoy.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and smallpox—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Gröne reports:

Weeks ended April 10 and 24 and May 1. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported April 3.

Quarantinable diseases.—Week ended April 10. Plague, 1 case; smallpox, 2 cases. Week ended April 24. Plague, 5 cases, 1 death; smallpox, 1 case. Week ended May 1. Plague, 7 cases, 7 deaths; smallpox, 1 case, 1 death.

Inspection of vessels.—Week ended April 10: 5 steamships. Week ended April 24: 8 steamships. Week ended May 1: 6 steamships.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Week ended April 10. Examined, 9; rejected, 4. Week ended April 24. Examined, 26; rejected, 18. Week ended May 1. None.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Week ended April 10. Examined, 14; rejected, 10. Week ended April 24. Examined, 11; rejected, 8. Week ended May 1. Examined, 7; rejected, 6.

No reports for week ended April 17 received.

Method employed at Hongkong for the prevention and destruction of rats on vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough, on leave in the United States, reports, June 18:

The following is a report on the methods enforced in Hongkong, China, for the prevention and destruction of rats on vessels bound